

In re: PATENT APPLICATION of:

Inventor(s): BECKER et al.

Appln. No.: 09 424,660

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Filed: January 27, 2000

Title: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR
CONTROLLING THICKNESS DURING SPIN
COATING (AS AMENDED)

Group Art Unit 1762

Examiner: K. Bareford

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: February 19, 2003

Sir:

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER RULE 114

Please continue the examination of this application.

PREREQUISITES

This application was filed on/after June 8, 1995, is not abandoned, and no court action has been filed, or if filed, it has been terminated.

An issue fee **has not been** paid (unless a petition under Rule 313(c)(2) is also being filed -- see item 4 below).**Prosecution has been closed as defined in Rule 114(b).****Reply to any outstanding action must be enclosed or previously filed.**

This application is entitled under Rule 114 to withdrawal of any outstanding finality or of any allowance plus a new action by the Examiner. Consideration on the merits of each submission (e.g., IDS, Amendment, new arguments, new evidence, but not appeal/reply briefs themselves) filed herewith is respectfully requested.

Please consider the following before the next Official Action:

1. Please ☒ enter ☐ do not enter the Amendment filed January 16, 2003
2. ☒ The enclosed new Amendment
3. ☐ Consider the arguments in the appeal brief filed _____ and reply brief filed _____
4. ☐ The issue fee has been paid, but this RCE is based on Rule 313(c)(2). See enclosed petition.
5. ☐ The enclosed Information Disclosure Statement
 - ☐ IDS Letter ☐ Cited Appln ☐ Foreign Search Report/OA
 - ☐ PTO-1449 ☐ Cited Documents
6. ☐ Please suspend action under Rule 103(c) for a period of _____ months (3 mos. Max) for which charge the required \$130 fee (fee code 098) to our Deposit Account (see below).
7. Petition is hereby made to extend the original due date of January 17, 2003 to _____ (1 mo) \$110/\$55
cover the date this Request is filed. **PLEASE CHARGE** the requisite fee to our _____ (2 mos) \$410/\$205 + 55
Deposit Account (see below) _____ (3 mos) \$930/\$465
8. **PLEASE CHARGE** the Rule 17(e) (RCE) filing fee of ☐ \$750 (lg. ent.) ☒ \$375 (sm. ent.) plus any deficiency and any other fee due now or later to our Deposit Account No. 03-3975 under Order No. 9848 / 265122

NOTE: Rule 17(e) filing fee Cannot be deferred!
NO CLAIMS FEE REQUIRED unless you are adding claims by box 2 Amendment in which case cover this with PAT-120.

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In further reply to the Office Action dated October 17, 2002, the period for reply being extended by a Petition for One-Month Extension of time filed herewith (February 17, 2003 being a Federal holiday and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office having been closed on February 18, 2003 for weather related reasons), prior to examination on the merits of the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, please further amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter amended claim 24 as follows:

24. (Four Times Amended) An apparatus for bonding a first planar substrate to a substrate by a bonding material in the form of a viscous fluid, comprising:

a pump that pumps the viscous fluid;

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